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SUBJECT: Bay/Delta Actions - Assessment of Importance

Dear Mr. Snow:

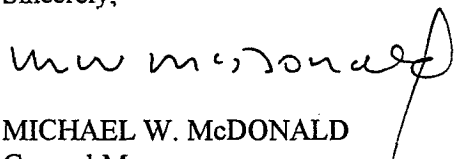
Attached is NCPA's *subjective* evaluation of the importance of the draft list of actions for restoring the health and effectiveness of the Bay/Delta. Our assessment is based on overall needs, not just our (power communities') special interests.

We note that the assessment does not indicate a level of "reasonableness" within the context of cost, nor does it identify specific actions to achieve the results. Thus, when we indicate a high value or a core element, we are making a relative judgment. We do not want to suggest that we believe that the action is appropriate regardless of the cost or actions contemplated.

We feel that the BDAC members, being primary policy makers, are perhaps being asked to decide specific actions without having the benefit of the details of the project. Policy makers should frame the relative priorities of goals to be achieved, and then have technical teams present the options and ancillary supporting data (objective, cost, specific quantified benefit, time frame, synergistic and interactive benefits, etc.). Perhaps the best use of this assessment is the relative importance of the action categories, and leave the subsequent evaluation to technical teams under the direction of BDAC staff.

We look forward to continuing our participation in this important forum and hope our input is helpful. Please feel free to call me or Hari Modi at (916) 781-4204 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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